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VEHICLE ACTIVITY TET TRUCE PERIOD
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE NATURE, NUMBER, AND DIRECTION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN NORTH VIETNAM OBSERVED DURING THE 1968 TET TRUCE.

2. REMARKS:

THE TRAFFIC ON THE ROUTES SOUTH OF VINH REFLECT THE AWARENESS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO ALTERATIONS IN THE BOMBING PAUSE ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. (NO CESSATION OF BOMBING IN THE AREA SOUTH OF VINH). LESS THAN TWELVE SIGHTINGS, ALL OF SINGLE MOVING VEHICLES, WERE OBSERVED ON THE ROUTES SOUTH OF VINH. IN ADDITION TO THESE SIGHTINGS SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS OF VEHICLES PARKED IN THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF VILLAGES SOUTH OF VINH WERE NOTED (SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-4817). THE SIGHTINGS INCLUDED 25 TRUCKS IN THE VILLAGE OF DONG HA, 13 TRUCKS AT HA TINH, 18 TRUCKS IN KHAI MONG, AND WITHIN VINH ITSELF 39 TRUCKS WERE NOTED THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUDS.

OBSERVATION OF THE ROUTES BETWEEN VINH AND THANH HOA WAS GREATLY LIMITED BY HEAVY CLOUD COVER AND INTERMITTENT ROUTE COVERAGE. THIS IS THE AREA WHERE MOST OF THE VEHICLE SIGHTINGS WERE OBSERVED ON THE 1967-68 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRUCES.

ROUTES AROUND THANH HOA AND TO THE NORTH REFLECTED A GREATER AMOUNT OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, PERHAPS REFLECTING THE SAFETY AFFORDED BY THE CESSATION OF BOMBING IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS OBSERVED

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DID NOT DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM THAT NORMALLY OBSERVED.

THE TABLE OF VEHICLE SIGHTINGS AND DIRECTION SHOWN ON GRAPHIC WAS
COMPILED FROM

3. MISSION READOUT:

SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF VEHICLES SIGHTINGS ARE SHOWN TO DEPICT THE
TRAFFIC PATTERNS:

1. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS AT
LEAST 10 PROBABLE CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 10 AT 202940N
1062150E NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 10 AND ROUTE 92.
2. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS A
PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS THE SONG DAY (RIVER) AT NINH BINH (201535N
1055918E) ON ROUTE 10 NORTH. VEHICLES OBSERVED; ONE COVERED BED
CARGO TRUCK AND ONE EMPTY CARGO TRUCK SOUTHBOUND ON THE BRIDGE, ONE
EMPTY NORTHBOUND CARGO TRUCK ON THE SOUTHERN BRIDGE APPROACH, AND ONE
NORTHBOUND CARGO TRUCK CARRYING A POL STORAGE TANK ON ROUTE 10 NORTH
OF THE CROSSING.
3. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS 4 CARGO
TRUCKS, THREE CARRYING PROBABLE POL DRUMS, AT 194835N 1054553E
MOVING NORTH ON A SECONDARY ROAD TOWARD ROUTE 118 NEAR THANH HOA.

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4. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS 11
CARGO TRUCKS PARKED AT 184005N 1054010E IN THE CITY OF VINH.

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5. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS
7 CARGO TRUCKS AT 182025N 1055445E, PARKED ALONG CITY STREETS
IN HA TINH. THESE TRUCKS APPEAR TO BE RELATIVELY SAFE FROM
SIGHTINGS AND AIR STRIKES.

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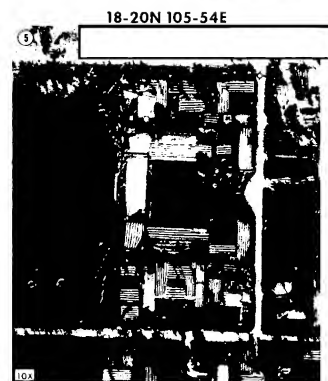
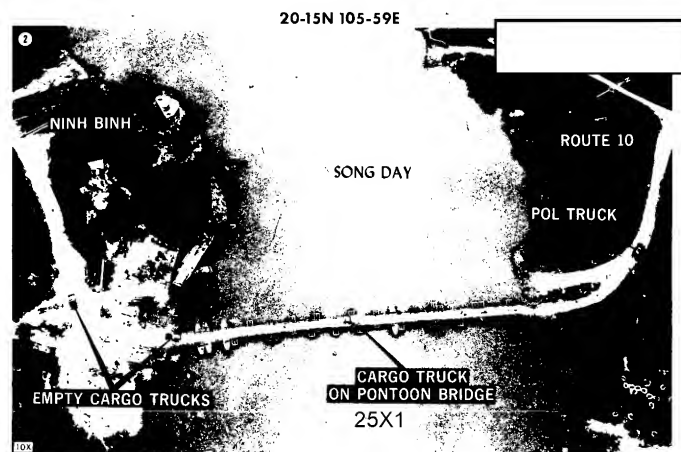
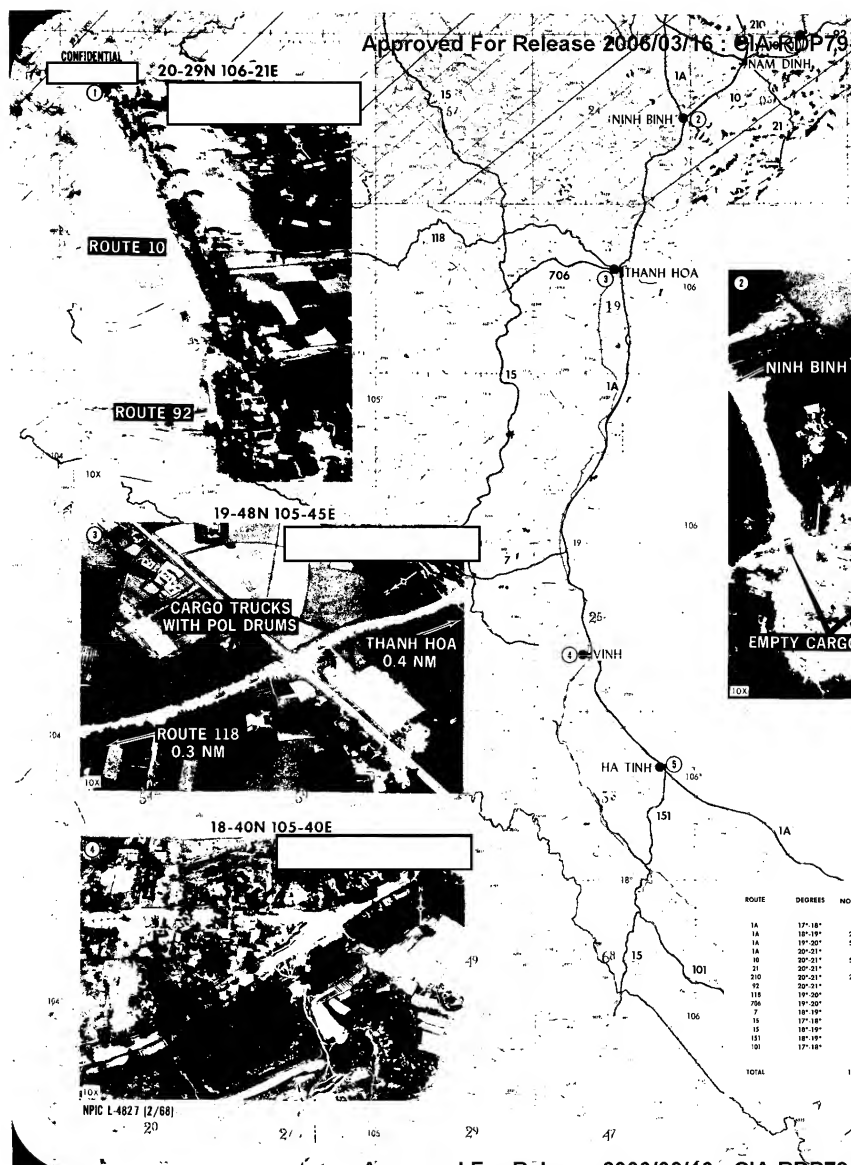
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CARGO TRUCK					
ROUTE	DEGREES	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
1A	17°-18°	1			83
1A	18°-19°	2	2		3
1A	19°-20°	5	2		3
1A	20°-21°		10		16
21	20°-21°		5		
21	20°-21°		1		4
92	20°-21°	2			3
118	19°-20°		1	9	3
101	18°-19°				3
15	17°-18°		1	3	1
15	18°-19°				2
101	18°-19°				3
101	17°-18°				3
TOTAL		14	35	11	120

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